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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GW, CZ

SUBJ: BRANDT TRIP TO CSSR

1. CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT ARRIVED IN PRAGUE YESTERDAY TO SIGN THE LONG-AWAITED TREATY NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER STROUGAL GREETED BRANDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL WARMLY AT AIRPORT WHERE BLACK, RED, AND GOLD FLAG OF FRG FLEW FOR FIRST TIME. AFTER BRIEF MEETING AT HRADCANY WITH PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF PARTY HUSAK, BRANDT AND STROUGAL AND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGNED TREATY WHICH HAD BEEN INITIALLED IN BONN IN JUNE. IN EVENING STROUGAL GAVE DINNER FOR VISITING GERMANS.

2. TODAY BRANDT LAID A WREATH AT MEMORIAL TO HUSSITE WARRIOR JAN ZIZKA, MET WITH HUSAK FOR TWO HOURS AT LUNCHEON FOR HUSAK AND STROUGAL. JOINT COMMUNIQUE COVERING BRANDT-HUSAK TALKS IS TO BE RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON. BRANDT LUFTWAFFE 707 WILL LEAVE PRAGUE LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO RETURN TO BONN.

3. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON MFA ANNOUNCED THAT CSSR AND FRG HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TO SET UP EMBASSIES IN

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PRAGUE AND BONN. AMBASSADORS ARE TO BE NAMED IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. CZECH RESPONSE TO VISIT SO FAR HAS BEEN WARM IF RESTRAINED. WELCOMING SPEECHES AND TOASTS HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY AND COMPLIMENTARY. TODAY'S RUDE PRAVO DID BALANCE OFF GERMAN TREATY WITH COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF SOVIET-CZECH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION DURING WORLD WAR II. BRANDT DID NOT VISIT LIDICE OR MEMORIAL AT SITE OF CONCENTRATION CAMP BUT DID REFER IN HIS DINNER REMARKS TO PAST SUFFERING OF CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES DURING NAZI PERIOD.  
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